to obtain assistance from the Delhi Administration for the purpose.

Contracts awarded by STC to M/s. Indian Molasses Company

1593. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that out of the eleven major ports in the country, at nine major ports a private sector company, M/s. Indian Molasses Company and its associates and/or sister companies are having 97,000 sq. mts. of land out of 1,07,000 sq. mts. totally allotted to private companies for storing molasses and edible oils, etc.;

(b) whether it is also a fact that during the pendency of inquiry regarding alleged malpractices in the export of molasses by the said Company, the State Trading Corporation has awarded new contracts and/or extended the old contracts to the aforesaid Company and/or its sister concerns; and

(c) what are the details of the latest contracts that STC has done/renewed/extended for handling work alongwith the details regarding the terms of contract, renumeration, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as it becomes available.

(b) and (c). For imported edible oils, fatty acids and methanol, storage capacity has been hired by STC from M/s. Indian Molasses Company and its sister concerns. STC hires these capacities on a long-term basis after assessing its requirements and the availability of storage capacity. To meet its requirements for short-term, it also hires suitable capacities for a few months. Storage capacity both short term and long term on hire from this Group as on 31-3-1987 was 75,047 MTs. Out of this, contracts for a capacity of 33,603 MTs which were on long-term hire, have expired during the year but the capacity continues to be used by STC. Since a number of long term contracts have expired including those of this Group, as an interim measure STC is using these capacities till new contracts on long-term hiring of capacities are finalised by it on an all India basis.

The contracts for edible oils are at Rs. 7.50 to 13.00 per MT per month of rental plus handling charges and for fatty acids at Rs. 25/- per MT per month of rental plus handling charges. For methanol, the charges including rental are Rs. 50/- per MT per month.

Cases under Import Control Order

1594. SHRI J. P. GOYAL :
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of the industries in whose cases Government orders issued under clauses 8(1)(G) of the Imports (Control) Order were set aside by High Courts; and

(b) whether Government have filed appeals in the Supreme Court; if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Settling of Chinese in Tibet

1595. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a representation from legisla-

tors, including M.Ps., wherein it has been stated that China has turned Tibet into nuclear base and has settled millions of Chinese there; if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(b) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government regard Tibet as an autonomous part of the People's Republic of China.

Hope Textile Mills Limited, Indore

1596. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in a suit filed by the affected workers of Hope Textile Mills Limited, Indore the Supreme Court has recently passed orders in favour of the workers;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to ensure that the orders of the Supreme Court are complied with without any loss of time and payment made to the workers at the earliest; and

(c) by when, the workers are likely to be paid accordingly?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The Supreme Court has given appropriate directions to the State Government of Madhya Pradesh.

Drought conditions in Ghana Bird Sanctuary

1597. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ghana Bird sanctuary near Bharatpur is in the grip of a worst ever drought, forcing big flocks of birds to move to neighbouring areas;

(b) whether Government are aware that the Sanctuary is facing the threat of increased pollution changing the water chemistry of the Sanctuary;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what effective steps Government propose to take in the matter;

(d) what are the major recommendations of the Ramakrishna Committee and whether the Rajasthan Government has implemented these recommendations; and

(e) whether the Central Government will take over the management of the Sanctuary in view of its international importance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Though the protected area is facing a drought, the birds are not moving to neighbouring areas, according to a report of the Rajasthan Government.

(b) and (c) It is reported that there is no increased pollution threat to this protected area and its water chemistry has not changed.

(d) A statement giving the major recommendations is attached (*See* below). It cannot be stated as to which of the recommendations of the Ramakrishna Committee would be accepted by the Government of Rajasthan.

(e) No, Sir.

Statement

1. Fires as accidents should be prevented in future. However, the use of fire as a management tool may not be ruled out as the wild growth of dry scrub cannot be totally eliminated without controlled burning.